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TITLE: Enzyme-containing granules and process for the production thereof

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Cores forming the basis of enzyme-containing granules of the invention, and cores employed in the process according to the invention, are preferably shaped so that the ratio between the largest and the smallest diameter thereof is less than 3; granules of the invention--whether uncoated or coated (vide infra)--are likewise preferably shaped so that the ratio between the largest and the smallest diameter thereof is less than 3. For both cores and enzyme-containing granules, the latter ratio is preferably less than 2, more preferably ≤ 1.5 (i.e. between 1 and 1.5), and it is particularly preferred that the ratio in question is at most 1.2.

As already indicated to some extent above, it is preferable that core particles forming the basis of enzyme-containing granules of the invention have relatively high physical strength. In the context of the invention the strength of a substantially spherical core particle may suitably be determined as the ratio between the force required to initiate crushing of the particle under the test conditions as specified below (vide infra), and the square of the core diameter (i.e. regarding the particle as being substantially spherical).